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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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IN RE: **HB3227** by Howard (relating to the availability of and access to certain programs and services for persons in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.),
Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to direct the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to increase the availability of certain peer support services to offenders incarcerated in TDCJ facilities. The bill would also amend the Government Code as it relates to an incarcerated person's access to certain programs. According to TDCJ, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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